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COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENCINITAS PET HEALTH EXPO ***Vaccinations, Dog Licenses, Microchips and \$40 Spay-Neuter Coupons Available***

The County Department of Animal Services will offer low-cost rabies vaccinations, dog licensing, microchipping, and \$40 spay-neuter coupons at the city's Pet Health Expo on Saturday, June 4. The event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Encinitas City Hall located at 505 South Vulcan Avenue.

With proof of a dog license the Department will be microchipping dogs for a one-time fee of \$20, which includes the registration. There is no license requirement for cats. Moreover, owners who have failed to license their dog or have allowed their dog's annual license to lapse will be offered amnesty from any late fees during the event.

"A microchip and a license can help a lost pet find its way home, which happened recently when County Animal Shelters helped reunite a dog in Northern California with its Arizona family," Board of Supervisor's Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price said.

The \$40 spay-neuter coupons are available to pet owners who reside in the unincorporated areas of the county and the cities of Encinitas, San Diego, Carlsbad, Santee and Del Mar, while supplies last. The coupons are accepted by veterinarians throughout the county.

"For your peace of mind and your pet's protection, get the shot, the license and the microchip," said John Carlson, North Regional Director.

The Pet Health Expo will also have representatives from various pet care and sheltering groups, including Rancho Coastal Humane Society, Shelter Pet Partners, and Wee Companions. Project Wildlife will have their new mobile veterinary clinic available for tour, along with SNAP's (Spay Neuter Action Project) "Neuter Scooter".

For more information, contact the Department of Animal Services at (619) 236-4250 or visit their Web site at www.sddac.com. You may also visit the city of Encinitas Web site at www.ci.encinitas.ca.us.

For the protection of owners and their pets, dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier at the Pet Health Expo.

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